



# City of Lincoln, Illinois

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **Topic: Traffic Stops**

**Question:** What should I do if I am pulled over by the police?

**Answer:** Lincoln Police Officers make traffic stops with the public on a daily basis. Officers take extra care for the safety of the occupants of the vehicle they have stopped and for their own safety. Officers must try to concentrate on many different aspects during a traffic stop -- One being the stopped vehicle itself for possible dangers and another is the oncoming traffic. What you do during the stop can help make the stop safer for you and the officer.

Try to take these actions the next time you are stopped by a police officer:

1. Pull off to the right side of the road in a safe location (you can pull onto a side street or a parking lot).
2. Turn your engine & music off.
3. Turn your interior lights on (at night).
4. Stay in your car with your safety belt on.
5. Stay calm & ask passengers to remain quiet.
6. Roll your window down & keep your hands visible.
7. Do not make any sudden movements and do not attempt to reach for insurance or driver's license until asked by the officer.
8. Present your driver's license and current proof of insurance when asked.
9. Answer questions fully & clearly.
10. Do not argue with the officer. If you disagree with the ticket, you can fight it in court.

We hope you do not need this information, but if you do, it will make for a safer traffic stop for all.